

Constitution of the Associated Students of Shoreline Community College

PREAMBLE

With this Constitution, we, the students of Shoreline Community College, hereby affirm an active role in assuring that every student shall have access to a fair and quality education by promoting a culture of humanity, compassion, and mutual respect, and this Constitution shall be enforced with a mind to uphold the principles of equality, understanding, and the advancement of knowledge for all students. Above all, this Constitution is an expression of our willingness to unite and take responsibility for our education and to ensure that students' voices play a major role in the decisions that affect us.

We recognize the certain statutes of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and the bylaws and policies of the Shoreline Community College Board of Trustees that govern the administration of Shoreline Community College and delegate responsibility and authority in the area of student affairs.

ARTICLE I DESIGNATION

SECTION 1: SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Shoreline Community College is hereafter referred to as the College.

SECTION 2: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The name of the Association established under this Constitution shall be the Associated Students of Shoreline Community College, hereafter referred to as the AS-SCC.

SECTION 3: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The name of the Organization established under this constitution that represents the AS-SCC shall be referred to, hereafter, as the Associated Student Government or ASG.

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ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

All matriculated students from all programs of the College shall be members of the Associated Students of Shoreline Community College, without regard to race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, gender, creed, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression.

ARTICLE III MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

SECTION 1: ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASG consists of elected and hired student officials who shall act as a governing body to manage student administration.

SECTION 2: COLLEGE AUTHORITY

The members of the AS-SCC recognize that the ASG is an integral part of the College, and that the ASG exercises power delegated to it by the Board of Trustees and the College.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The officers of the ASG shall consist of President, Vice President, Communications Officer, Recognized Student Organizations Officer, Budget and Finance Officer, Governmental Affairs Officer, Technological Affairs Officer, Policy and Procedure Officer, Social Justice Officer, and Sustainability Officer, thus forming the ASG. The ASG shall perform the executive and legislative functions for the AS-SCC.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY

Prospective ASG Officer Candidates must be and remain enrolled in at least 10 credits per academic term (with the exception of Summer Term), maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and

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have completed 25 credits at the College by July 1st in order to be considered for or hold office.

ARTICLE V STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Student Representatives are charged to serve as an extension of ASG as delegates on College and Student Committees.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY

Prospective Student Representative Candidates must be and remain enrolled in at least 10 credits per academic term (with the exception of Summer Term), maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and have completed 15 credits at the College by July 1st in order to be considered for or hold office.

ARTICLE VI ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

SECTION 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Officers shall be elected in Spring Term and shall take office the first day of July.
- B. Elected Officers shall serve for one year, including training, unless they resign or are dismissed.
- C. Elected Officers shall gain office with a majority vote of the AS-SCC votes' cast.

SECTION 2: HIRING OF OFFICERS

- A. Officers shall be hired in Spring Term and shall take office the first day of July.
- B. Hired Officers shall serve for one year, including training, unless they resign or are dismissed.
- C. Hired Officers shall gain office through an application and interview process conducted by the ASG.

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SECTION 3: VACANCIES

- A. In the event of the ASG President vacancy, a designated member of the ASG shall be appointed to President and complete the term of office.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the ASG Board, the ASG shall vote in a new member to complete the term of office.
- C. In the event of a vacancy of a Student Representative position, the ASG reserves the right to appoint a new Student Representative to complete the term of office.

SECTION 4: DISMISSAL OF A MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Members of AS-SCC have the right to petition the dismissal of a member of the ASG.

ARTICLE VII ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1: FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT

ASG shall have oversight of all AS-SCC activities. It shall govern, either directly or through its appointed agencies, the following:

- A. Exercise of final legislative and executive powers of the ASG.
- B. Retain sole authority to create, evaluate, amend, and enact Bylaws and Policies necessary for the regulation of the AS-SCC affairs, and the ASG, under this Constitution.
- C. Approval of the budget and expenditures of the AS-SCC. The ASG shall have final authority to budget, disburse and withhold funds.
- D. Establishment of rules for the approval and maintenance of Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) and Programs.
- E. Represent the values, mission and goals of the AS-SCC while serving on College and Student committees.

SECTION 2: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT

- A. Meetings shall occur regularly, twice per month on Mondays during the academic year (excluding Summer Term), as long as these Mondays do not conflict with holidays and academic breaks recognized by the College.

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- B. No official business shall be conducted unless there is quorum. Quorum shall be the majority of the voting officers of ASG. Proxy voting is not permissible by ASG.
- C. ASG shall convene open meetings to make official decisions and provide open forums for presidential and officers' election.

**ARTICLE VIII
CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to the Constitution must be passed by two-thirds (2/3) approvals from all the votes casted by the AS-SCC voters. If approved, the Constitutional amendments shall take effect immediately.

**ARTICLE IX
BYLAWS**

The enactment of the Bylaws shall require the majority vote of the ASG officers. If approved, the Bylaws shall take effect immediately.